GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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FRUIT PROCESSING INDUSTRIES IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided financial assistance to the fruit based industries in Kerala particularly Muvattupuzha and Vazhakkulam areas in the State;

(b) if so, the financial assistance provided during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make a study regarding the scope of fruit processing in areas where fruits like apple, pineapple, mango, banana and other seasonal fruits are grown, plenty in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Food Processing Industries has approved financial assistance of Rs. 1030.60 lakhs to 39 units for food processing units in Kerala under its Plan Schemes in the form of grant in aid @ 25% of the cost of Plant and Machinery and technical civil works subject to maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in General areas for Technical Upgradation / establishment / modernization of existing units.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries has provided financial assistance for setting up of two fruit based industries in Kerala. One proposal has been received from Muvattupuzha, which has been examined and certain information has been asked for from the firm.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Food Processing Industries has made an assessment of the potential for Food Processing Industries under its document titled Vision 2015, Strategies & Action Plan for Food Processing Industries in India in which Fruits & Vegetables are also included. The same has been released in the year 2005. States have also been advised to conduct studies on Food Processing Sector, for which assistance shall be provided by this ministry.